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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 09/408,142 Examiner: Marx, I.
Filed: September 29, 1999
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment, including Exhibit "A" (18 pages);
3. Petition for Two Month Extension of Time (2 pages);
4. Check No. 536950 in the amount of \$1,440.00; and
5. Return receipt postcard

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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Further in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002 (Paper No. 14), entry of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is respectfully requested. It is understood that by this request for an RCE, the appeal in this matter, as requested by the Notice of Appeal filed on February 19, 2003, is withdrawn in accordance with MPEP §1215.01.

Additionally, entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment is requested in this RCE.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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